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1. On 23 January 1952, the barracks installation in Dessau-Rosslau (M 52/E 17) quartered an undetermined number of troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and some with tank insignia. About 60 soldiers were seen practicing with four heavy 120-mm mortars at the drill field near the installation, while about 150 troops were drilling without rifles in the billoting area.

2. On 23 January, Camp Gross Kuehnau west of Dessau was occupied by about 240 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Soldiers were seen performing maintenance work on trucks, T-34/85 tanks and JS-3 tanks standing in open sheds in the camp area. No training activity was noticed in or around the camp.

3. A truck convoy which passed through Dessau at 9 a.m. on 3 January, coming from the direction of Rosslau and proceeding toward Heideberg, consisted of 18 trucks which towed 6 or 7 37-mm AA guns and 3 field kitchens.

4. On 7 January, a board fence, 2 meters high, had been constructed around Camp Gross Kuehnau. The erection of sheds and low wooden barrack buildings in the camp area continued. A few soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and a parking lot containing 20 trucks were seen in the camp area. Several trucks drove to the city empty but returned with loads of laundry. A tank was driven from the Dessau freight yard toward Camp Gross Kuehnau on 5 January. **

5. No AA guns were noticed within a circumference of 1.5 km around the road and railroad bridge across the Elbe River from Dessau to Rosslau on 7 January.

* Comment. observed heavy mortars at the barracks installation in Rosslau in December 1951; hence the previous conjecture that the 467th (?) Mort Regt of the 7th Gds Tank Div moved from Koethen to Rosslau is strengthened.

** Comment. With the exception of continued construction, no changes are indicated in the situation at Camp Kuehnau.

*** Comment. The truck convoy belongs to the unidentified AA division of the Third Gds Mech Army.

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